



# Press Release

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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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On Monday, December 12, 2011, Lake County Sheriff's Deputies arrested two (2) individuals as they were burglarizing a home in Perry Township. William Deshaun Taylor, of 836 E 146<sup>th</sup> St. in Cleveland, and Johnny Eugene Henderson, of 4211 Storer in Cleveland, were taken down at gunpoint by Sheriff's Deputies as they were exiting from a home at 4995 Middleridge Rd. in Perry Township, which they had just burglarized.

Over the past few months a number of burglaries have occurred in Concord, Leroy, Perry and Painesville Townships. As the Lake County Sheriff's Office investigated the various burglaries it was determined that Reverse 9-1-1 call should be placed to all of the residents in the four (4) townships. It advised them of recent daytime burglaries, and requested the assistance of the citizens in reporting any suspicious activity in their neighborhoods. Citizens quickly responded and leads were developed. One such report out of Concord Township identified a suspicious black male, gave a detailed description a person who was seen near a recent burglary, and gave a partial license plate,.

A Lake County Sheriff's Office dispatcher cross-referenced the partial license number and narrowed it down to the vehicle driven by one of the arrested individuals. Sheriff's Office detectives put out the information and received contact from the Cleveland Heights police. They gave additional information on the suspect's vehicle, and advised of possible front end damage on that vehicle due to a failed burglary in their city.

Yesterday morning the Lake County Sheriff's Office received a call from a resident who reported a suspicious black male who she found in her yard. She confronted the man who then made up a false address that he said he was trying to locate. After confronting him and chasing him from her home, she relayed his description and plate number. The plate was then connected to the suspect's vehicle, which was a Huyundai Sonata. This was the exact vehicle that was being sought in connection with recent burglaries in the area. The information was broadcast to Sheriff's Office patrol units.

Deputy Dale Pohto immediately went to Middleridge Rd. which has been the site of other recent break-ins to search for the suspect vehicle. He found the vehicle backed into a home at 4995 Middleridge. He requested back-up. However, before they arrived the two (2) black males entered the vehicle and

began to leave the scene. Deputy Pohto blocked their vehicle in and took the suspects down at gun point. He held them there until back-up arrived. William Deshaun Taylor, of 836 E 146<sup>th</sup> St. in Cleveland, and Johnny Eugene Henderson, of 4211 Storer in Cleveland were arrested at the scene. Deputies then entered the home and found that entry had been forced, and the interior ransacked as the burglars searched for jewelry and other valuables.

Lake County Sheriff's Office detectives interviewed the suspects. Based on the information obtained, they located additional property from the homes that had been burglarized in the area. They located the property in the home of one of the suspect's in Cleveland. The investigation is in progress and it appears that a number of recent burglaries will be solved as the result of the arrests made yesterday in Perry Township.

The events leading up to these arrests are the result of excellent police work, combined with responsible citizens who were willing to step forward, as a result of the reverse 9-1-1 requests for information, with valuable tips that led to the apprehension of these burglars.

The Lake County Sheriff's Office would like to thank the public for their assistance in calling in their tips. However, we also want to caution residents to still be aware of suspicious persons or vehicles in their area. While we believe that these particular burglars are responsible for some of the burglaries in our area, we believe that other persons(s) or groups who are not connected with these two men are also burglarizing area homes.

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